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SUBJECT: AMSPEC WEATHERSBY

BEGIN SUMMARY: AMSPEC DR. GEORGE WEATHERYNY, ASSOCIATE
PROFESSOR OF HARVARD'S FACULTY OF EDUCATION, SPENT NINE
EXTREMELY USEFUL DAYS IN SANA MAY 21-30 INTERVIEWING
SOME EIGHTEEN UNIVERSITY FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS,
AMEMBASSY AND USAID OFFICIALS, YAR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND UN EXPERTS INVOLVED IN EDUCATION FIELD. END SUMMARY.

1. WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED AND CONSIDERABLE EFFORT WEATHERSBY
REDUCED MAZE OF EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS GOING ON HERE TO
UNDERSTANDABLE SCOPE AND PUT TOGETHER FOR SANA UNIVERSITY
AN EXCITING PROPOSAL OF REORGANIZATION WHICH WOULD MAKE
INSTITUTION INTO A FLEXIBLE, MANAGEABLE, QUALITY STRUC-
TURE RESPONSIVE TO YEMEN'S DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND REQUIR-
ING A MINIMUM OF FINANCIAL OUTLAY AND NO NEW PHYSICAL
STRUCTURES.

2. PROPOSAL WAS PRESENTED IN TWO-PAGE OUTLINE FORM TO
DR. ABD AL-KARIM AL-IRYANI, MINED AND PRES. SANA UNIVERSITY
WHO ASKED HARD QUESTIONS AND REQUESTED A MORE DETAILED
PLAN IN ARABIC TO PRESENT TO YAR PRES, PRIME AND
UNIVERSITY COUNCIL.

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3. PRESENT STRATEGY PLAN FOR WEATHERSBY TO SEND THIS
PROPOSAL TO CU WHICH CAN THEN CABLE IT TO US. WE WILL
THEN HAVE IT TRANSLATED INTO ARABIC POSTHASTE FOR AL-IRYANI
TO PRESENT.

4. TIME IS OF ESSENCE FOR DR. AL-IRYANI HAS BEEN

ACCEPTED AS RESEARCH ASSOCIATE AT HARVARD THIS FALL. IF HE RECIEVES PERMISSION OF YAR PRESIDENT FOR SABBATICAL YEAR HE WILL DEPART YEMEN LATE AUGUST. IT IS CRUCIAL, THEREFORE, HE HAVE PROPOSAL TO PRESENT ASAP.

5. WE WISH TO COMMEND CU AND JOAN BENZIGER IN PARTICULAR FOR THEIR CHOICE OF WEATHERSBY TO COME HERE AND ASSESS SANA UNIVERSITY NEEDS. HE IMPRESSED ALL HE MET -- YEMENI AND AMERICAN -- WITH HIS EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO REDUCE CONCEPTS TO WORKABLE SIZE. HIS IS BRILLIANT, LUCID AND VERY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT US EDUCATION. IF HIS PLAN IS ACCEPTED BY YAR IT WILL MOOD EDUCATION HERE FOR NEXT HUNDRED YEARS.

6. WESTHERSBY WILL COME TO CU IN JUNE TO REPORT ON HIS FINDINGS AND TO EXPLAIN HIS PROPOSAL IN DETAIL. WE RECOMMEND THAT HE ALSO TALK TO AID IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY AID INVOLVEMENT IN POSSIBLE FUTURE US SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR SANA UNIVERSITYIUN LIGHT OF WEATHERSBY'S RECOMMENDATIONS. AMBASSADOR AND DIRECTOR USAID HAVE COPIES TEN-PAGE DRAFT REPORT HE PREPARED TOUCHING ON POSSIBLE WAYS USG COULD CONTRIBUTE. WEATHERSBY READY TO COME TO WASHINGTON IN MID-JULY WHEN PAO RANSOM AVAILABLE TO ATTEND POSSIBLE WORKING SESSION WITH CU AND AID/W.
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